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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY
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WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT DURING THE PAST WEEKS AND
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AMBASSADOR IVOR RICHARD'S MISSION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO THE RAPID ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJORITY
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7. WITH WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER."

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